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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of the reference listed as AC on the PTO 1449 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

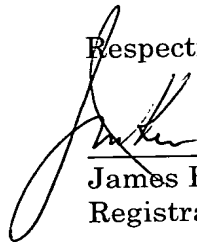
An English abstract is also provided for the reference listed as AC on the PTO 1449.

The prior art documents listed on the PTO 1449 as AA and AB were also cited in the Office Action dated June 1, 2004 in the parent application Serial No. 10/390,771.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or (2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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